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Divorce Under Difficulties.

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A Gay Fireside Party.

A COLORED STEWARD GIVING HIS TESTIMONY.

He Sees a Wife on the Lap of a Fashionable Gentleman.

A SPINSTER ON BREACH OF PROMISE.

INDIANAPOLIS, March 6, 1887.

I sent you lately a letter of moderate length re-

of necessity Beam vs. Walpole. The actual trial not being yet entered upon, I can only at present refer to it in general terms. But of this I can assure you specifically, that probably no other event ever created so much talk among the females of Indianapolis as this suit, which threatens to become as notorious as the famous case of "Bardell vs. Pickwick," and will probably fill the law books with countless precedents for future generations. From the highest to the lowest is somewhat talented. She has frequently read es-

says before private literary societies which were much above the average, and were received by the audience with great applause. She has also written poetry, or more properly verses, for the papers, and rumor has it that occasionally she has dismounted from her Pegasus, and descending into more sober regions, has indited editorials—being leaders—for a certain particular friend of hers, formerly connected with the press. The fair Laura estimates the damage done to her heart, reputation, and

earned, has always been regarded as an excellent man. He is about fifty years old, has never been married, in person is of athletic proportions, with a large head and earnest face, with a loud voice and dominating tone, well calculated to browbeat a witness, or to steady a big sea from an unyielding client. In politics he is a democrat of the straightest sort, and in 1880 made an unsuccessful race for Congress against A. G. Porter, one of the opposing counsel. Until lately he has had a larger practice



An Insane Mother Throwing Her Child from a Window, in Fifth Street, Philadelphia.



The Four Thieves, Frank Miller, Johnny Kelly, Tommy Maxwell and Jim Libby.

to compromise a suit in any manner, let alone one that would take money out of his pocket. I had forgotten to mention that, according to the complaint, the parties had been engaged since June, 1885, and that Miss Beam had, on several occasions, prepared for the wedding by purchasing suitable finery, to adorn the handsome residence of her expected lord. But I have a richer place to disclose—a livelier revelation to make, one that more immediately interests your metropolitan readers, as all the parties were residents of your spirited city. Let me begin this branch of my narrative with the observation, that several months ago

A HARDHEARTED BUSINESS LADY, subsequently, probably to avoid too much intrusion, one conveying every evidence of being abundantly



Riotous Midnight Attack on the Dele Family, at Evans' Centre, N. Y.

specting affairs in this Hoosier metropolis. In that letter I referred, in a paragraph, to a breach of promise case then just initiated in our courts. But the lowest all are talking about it. The plaintiff, Miss Laura W. Beam, is a maiden lady of some forty years. For a number of years she has resided with



The Daughter of Mr. Grumall Identifying the Body of Her Murdered Father, at Richland, Mich.

case has salient features that justify a fuller reference. The fashionable world and society in general have for several days been intensely excited over it. The parties to the action are Miss Laura W. Beam and Mr. Robert L. Walpole. Miss Laura being the aggrieved complainant, the legal title of the suit is

case are Senator T. A. Hendricks, and Mr. A. G. Porter, late Member of Congress from this district. The defendant, Mr. Robert L. Walpole, is a lawyer of ability, and, I might add, severity. He has resided here nearly all his life, has amassed a handsome fortune, and, as yet, is single, which will probably be the case; for Walpole is a



Patrick Clark Stabbing James Gargan, in Elizabeth Street, N. Y.

supplied with this world's goods, accompanied by and there awaited in patience and more grateful silence, the time prescribed by the laws of this State for a non-resistant to obtain a divorce. In this she would, in all likelihood, have been successful, and after remaining the requisite time, obtained the desired decree. She could then have gone away with none other outside world any the wiser for it, but for one untoward circumstance. That circumstance consisted in the sudden appearance of the husband upon the scene. The main desire and purpose of the husband appears to have been, not so much to oppose the wife's prosecution for divorce,



Scene in a Street, possibly related to the case of the daughter of Mr. Grumall.

